THE

Blaſphemous Charge

Againſt her.

WORCESTER COLLEGE OXFORD LIBRARY

Matth. 10.

And ye ſhal be brought before Governors and Kings for my ſake, againſt them and the Gentiles.

Printed in the Year 1649.

For King *Charls* Priſoner, *theſe.*

SIR,

UPon a reference from you (1633.) *to theſe your Commiſsioners, I being Sentenced by them, as upon Record appears, becauſe took upon me to be a Propheteſs; firſt was Fined, and then to make publique Submiſsion at* Pauls *ſo many times; that* Iericho for ever curſed, *and farther a cloſe priſoner to continue at your pleaſure.*

So be it known, you are hereby required to make a publique acknowledgement of ſuch your capital Treſpaſs and high Offence; and firſt to Ask me foregiveneſs, *if ſo be you expect to finde Mercy in this world or the other.*

Jan. 1648. ELEANOR DOUGLAS.

At the Court of Whitehal, Octob. 8. 1633.

HIs Majeſty doth expreſly command the Lord Archbiſhop of *Canterburies* Grace, and His Highneſs Commiſsioners for Cauſes Eccleſiaſtical, That the Petitioner be forthwith called before them, to anſwer for preſuming to Imprint the ſaid Books, and for preferring this deteſtable Petition.

Sidney Mountague.

Concordat cum &c. Tho: Maydwell.

Regiſtro Curiæ Dominorum Regiorum Commiſsionariorum ad Cauſas Eccleſiaſticas. *Extract.*

Tertia Seſsio Termini Michaelis, 1633.

Die Jovis viceſimo quarto viz. die menſis Octobris Anno Dom. milleſimo ſexcenteſimo triceſimo tertio Coram Reverendiſsimo in Chriſto Patre & Domino, Domino Guilielmo *providenc' Divinâ* Cantuar' *Archiepiſcopo totius* Angliæ *Primate & Metropolitano,* Richardo *eâdem providenc'* Angliæ *Primate & Metropolitano Archiepiſcopo Eboracenſi, Honorandis & prænobilibus Comitibus* Portland, Dorſet, & Carliſle, *Epiſcopis* Elien', & Roffen' & Oxon', *Dominis* Iohanne Lamb, & Nathanaele Brent *militibus legum Doctoribus,* Matthæo VVren *de Windſor,*

ſor, Montford, *&*
VVorral *Sacræ Theologiæ profeſſoribus Commiſsionariis Regiis ad Cauſas Eccleſiaſticas apud* Lambeth, *Judiciarum ſeden' preſente* Thomâ Motterſhed *Regnerarii Regii Deputato.*

Con' Ellenoram Audeley.

Dr. *Worrall*: She appeared, and the Articles and Anſwers were publiquely read; She was Fined in Three thouſand pounds, Impriſonment till ſhe enter Bond with ſufficient Security to write no more.

Mr. Dr. *Wren,* Dean of *Windſor,* he conſenteth to that which is already ſaid.

Dr. *Mon'ford, Similitèr* with Dr. *Worrall.*

Sir *Nathanael Brent, Similitèr* with

with Dr. *Worrall*; and payment of Coſts.

Sir *Iohn Lamb*, and my Lord of *Oxford*, Agreeth with the higheſt, with the higheſt; and to acknowledge her Offence at *Pauls* Croſs.

My Lord of *Rocheſter*, with the higheſt; and if the Court will bear it, he would ſend her to Bedlam.

My Lord of *Ely*, Three thouſand pounds, Excommunication, condemned in Coſts, and committed *ut prius*, till ſhe give, &c.

My Lord *Portland*, and my Lord of *Carliſle*, deſired to be ſpared from their Sentence.

My Lord of *Dorſet* agreeth with the higheſt.

My Lords Grace of *York*, Impriſonment, and not to have pen, ink and

and paper, and ſo with the higheſt.

My Lord of *Canterbury*, Three thouſand pounds, cloſe Impriſonment, and to continue till His Majeſties pleaſure be further known.

She was committed to the *Gatehouſe*.

Officium Dominorum con' Elleanorum Tichet, *alias* Davyes, *alias* Douglas.

THe Councel for the offence inſiſteth on her Anſwers, ſhe to appear this day and place by Bond, to hear and receive the final Order and Iudgment of the Court.

At which day and place the ſaid Lady *Eleanor Douglas* being called for, appeared perſonally; In whoſe preſence the Articles objected againſt her, and her Anſwers made thereunto

to were publiquely read, with certain printed Schedules & Exhibites thereunto annexed, which ſhe acknowledged to be of her own penning and publiſhing in print; and the ſaid Anſwers to be her true Anſwers, and to be Subſcribed with her own hand: By all which it evidently appeared to the Court, by her own Confeſsion, That ſhe had lately compiled and written, and cauſed to be printed and publiſhed, the three ſeveral Schedules annexed to the ſaid Articles, ſome containing Expoſitions of divers parts of the Chapters of the Prophet *Daniel*, ſome other ſcandalous matter, by way of Anagram or otherwiſe, againſt Eccleſiaſtical perſons and Iudges of eminent place, and ſome others, both derogatory to His Majeſty and the State.

State. And first as touching those matters of high nature, which concerned his Majesty, the Court did not any ways proceed against her, as holding them of too high a nature for this *Court* to meddle withal. But forasmuch as she took upon her (which much unbeseemed her Sex) not only to interpret the Scriptures, and withal the most intricate and hard places of the Prophet *Daniel*, but also to be a Propheteſs, falsly pretending to have received certain Revelations from God; and had compiled certain Books of such her fictions and false Propheſies or Revelations, which she had in person carried with her beyond the Seas, and had there procured them to be printed without Licenſe, and after brought them over here into *England*, and here

without Licenſe, vented and diſperſed them, or ſome of them, contrary to the Decree of Star-Chamber, made in the xxviii. year of Queen *Eliz.* of famous Memory, for the reſtraining of unlawful printing & publiſhing of books, and to the manifeſt contempt & breach thereof, and to the great ſcandal of our Church and State, and the reproach of the true Chriſtian Religion here profeſſed, and eſtabliſhed within this Realm. And foraſmuch as by vertue of the Statute of *Primo Eliz.* and by vertue of Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, this Court hath full power and authority to puniſh as well all tranſgreſſors and offendors againſt the ſaid Decree of Star-Chamber, touching the printing and publiſhing of unlicenſed Books,

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as ſuch bold attempts as thoſe of hers, in taking upon her to interpret and expound the holy Scriptures, yea, and the moſt intricate and hard places therein, ſuch as the graveſt and moſt learned Divines would not ſlightly or eaſily undertake, without much ſtudy and deliberation. For theſe her ſaid bold attempts and impoſtures, tending to the diſhonor of God, and ſcandal of Religion, whereof ſhe was found and adjudged guilty by the Court, ſhe was thought well worthy to be ſeverely puniſhed; and was firſt Fined in the ſum of 3000 l. to his Majeſties uſe, ordered to make a publique Submiſsion *in conceptis verbis*, at ſo many times, and in ſuch places as this Court ſhall appoint, and as ſhall be delivered her under the Regiſters Hand

Hand of this Court; And ſhe was further committed cloſe Priſoner to the Gatehouſe, and ordered there to remain during his Majeſties pleaſure, who had taken ſpecial notice of her and her Cauſe, and referred the Examination and Cenſuring thereof into this Court. And laſtly ſhe was condemned in Expences and Coſts of Suit, which are to be paid before her enlargement: And the Keeper of the ſaid priſon was required and commanded not to ſuffer her to have any pen, ink or paper to write any thing, in reſpect that ſhe hath ſo much abuſed her liberty in that kinde already.

Concordat premiſſa cum originalibus in veriâ predictâ facta collacione fideli per me

Jo: Donaldſon, *Notarium Publicum*

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under pretence of Longe prayer.
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